

REMARKS

Claims 1-46 are pending. Applicants added new dependent claims 5-46. No new matter has been added.

In response to the restriction, Applicants hereby provisionally elect without traverse the invention of Group I – claims 1 and 2, as identified by the Examiner. Applicants assert that new dependent claims 5-25, which depend from elected claims 1 and 2, respectively, are readable on the elected invention of Group I. Accordingly, examination of at least claims 1, 2 and 5-25 is requested at this time.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request the consideration and examination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims. Applicants respectfully invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned at 202.739.

5983 if there remains any outstanding issues that need to be addressed before a Notice of Allowance can issue.

Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. §1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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